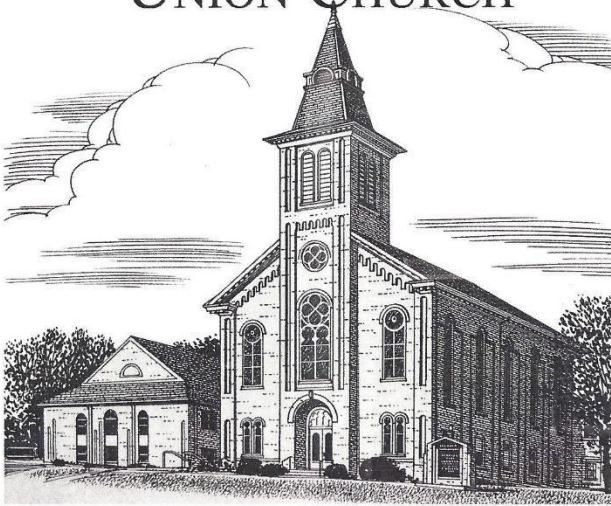


ZIEGELS UNION CHURCH



9990 Ziegels Church Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031

April 2026 **NEWSLETTER**

Volume 26, Issue 4

April Newsletter Sponsors:
Mark & Nancy Clemens,
In memory of Barry T. Gerz, Jr.

Come worship with us each Sunday!

8:30 a.m. - UCC worship

11:05 a.m. - Lutheran worship

APRIL MEETINGS

Committee Meetings

April 7 Union Committee Meeting, 7:30p.m.
April 13 Lutheran Council Meeting, 7:30p.m.
April 14 UCC Consistory Meeting, 7:00p.m.
April 21 Property Committee Meeting, 7:00p.m.
Communication Committee Meeting- first Tuesday, 6:00p.m.
Fellowship Committee Meeting, third Sunday, 10:00a.m.
Technology Committee Meeting, third Tuesday, 6:00p.m.
Sewing Mission, fourth Tuesday, 5:30p.m.
Quilting Mission, Mondays, 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

Weekly Events

Monday Beginner AA, 5:30p.m., AA, 7:30p.m.
Wednesday Girl Scout Troop 6602, 6:00p.m. (every other Wed.)
Thursday Cadette Girl Scout Troop 68, 6:00p.m. (2nd & 4th Th.)
Friday Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7:00a.m. at Cracker Barrel

Girl Scout Troup #6602 contact Melissa Carmody at 610-567-8272.

Cadette Girl Scout Troop #68 contact Beth Furman at 484-217-2197.

Pastoral Requests & Emergency Hospitalizations

If you or a family member is in need of pastoral care or have been hospitalized, you can contact the Pastors directly or use the Pastoral Care form found on our website www.ziegelschurch.org and click on the Pastoral Care link/doc at the top of the website page.

Church Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 10:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

9990 Ziegels Church Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031 Ph:610-285-6157

The office will be closed on
Monday, April 6, 2026,
in observance of
Easter Monday.



A Message from the Ziegels Union President

Things are a changing. Spring is a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can actually be. With the rebirth that comes with spring, let us remember that Jesus died for us, for the rebirth of our souls.

God Bless, Rob Ziegeler

UNION COMMITTEES, MINISTRIES & MISSIONS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY - SATURDAY, APRIL 11

from 9am to 12 noon, the Helping Hands Youth Group is inviting the community to bring their own bags and help themselves to free clothing. Tables will be set up in our fellowship room with clothing and shoes sorted by sizes. There will also be a bake sale. If you would like to help us by donating baked goods, please sign up using the QR code.



YOUTH SUNDAY - APRIL 26, will be all about Ziegels' youth! Please join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10am for a special worship service done by our Sunday School children. Youth will also be participating in both worship services on that day, 8:30am UCC and 11am Lutheran. We hope you will join us and support these wonderful young people.

NEW BOOK STUDY - UNCOMMON DECENCY

Pastor Larry is starting a new book study! The class meets in the Mark room on Sundays, 10-11am. Uncommon Decency by Richard Mouw can be purchased on Amazon if you would like to be part of this study.

VBS RAINFOREST FALLS, JUNE 22-26

This year's Vacation Bible School will be a rainforest adventure where we will explore what it means to be rooted in God - our safe place in life's storms. VBS will be an evening program for youth who have finished kindergarten up to 6th grade. We are looking for helpers ages 7th grade and up. Please see or contact Laurie Rex if you'd like to volunteer! Online and paper registrations for youth and volunteers are available. Questions, email ziegelsce@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATES

April 5: EASTER- NO SS OR CONFIRMATION CLASSES

April 11: Community Clothing Giveaway and Bake Sale, 9am-12pm

April 26: Youth Sunday - Fellowship Room, 10am. Youth will also participate in 8:30am and 11am Worship services.

May 10: Last day of Sunday School classes

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

This committee plans special events for the church and meets the third Sunday of each month at 10:00a.m. in the Fellowship Room. Contact Shana at ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com to become part of the committee or a resource helper at events.

MACUNGIE BAND JAZZ CONCERT, 4/12 from 3-4pm. Join us in the church Sanctuary. NO TICKETS NEEDED for concert! First come, first serve seating! Doors open at 2:30pm. **With Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner to follow from 4:15-7pm (Benefiting COTA for Lainey).** Dinner includes: all you can eat spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, and dessert. \$12 for adult tickets in advance. \$15 at the door, \$5 for kids 10 & under. Email shanaboydhanna@gmail.com to buy dinner tickets.



ZIEGELS YARD SALE – Saturday, May 23rd, 2026, from 8am-1pm. There will be food available for purchase to help raise funds for Wreaths Across America. We will be selling baked goods, hot dogs, and drinks. Spaces are free to Ziegels members. \$10 per space for non-members. We are also taking donations of yard sale items. Please bring to the church lobby or contact Shana at ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com.

Use the link below to donate goods to sell or to help on the day:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4DAAAD2AA5F49-61588640-yard#/>.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY BREAKFAST

Meets every Friday at 7:00am at the Cracker Barrel in Fogelsville. All are welcome to enjoy breakfast and study the weekly scriptures. Please contact the church office for the Men's Bible Study leader's contact information.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Become a prayer warrior for Ziegels members and our community. Contact the church office or Kelly at kellylucarelli@yahoo.com or by phone, 484-375-8978.

HAND QUILTING

This group meets every Monday from 9:00am-12:00pm. For information, please contact Michele Quier at 484-661-6049.

SEWING MISSION

The team meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm to sew pillowcases, dresses, and chemo port cushions. For information, contact Shelley Daniels at 610-704-4500 or email seashell246@gmail.com.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

This group is currently working independently from home on crocheting prayer shawls and knitting baby blankets. Members are willing to teach if you want to learn a new skill! Contact Jennifer Hausman at 484-239-9680 or Karen Boyd at 610-682-2836 for information.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Sunday Fellowship Hour is held on Sundays at 10:00am A signup sheet is in the Fellowship Room or contact Doreen Wynn at (610)751-6123 or luvplumeria@yahoo.com.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

Help the office be efficient and timely. Contact the office to:

- Provide your updated contact information: address, mobile phone number, email.
- Sign up for church emails via Constant Contact (or sign up directly on the website homepage: www.ziegelschurch@gmail.com)
- Sign up to receive the monthly newsletters via email.
- To submit information for the weekly Sunday bulletins, e-newsletter, or the monthly newsletter, download the Communications Request Form using the link provided on church website and submit it to the church office.
- **Submit May 2026 newsletter information by Wednesday, April 15, 2026.**

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Become a resource person to help our mission activities by setting up the PC projection system in the Fellowship room, controlling the soundboard during worship services, setting up for summer services, assisting the office, and other technology related needs. Contact Michael Longenderfer through the church office or ziegelschurch@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ALLEMAENGE 250 CELEBRATION -

Join us as we celebrate our local heritage and America's 250th birthday on Saturday, April 11, from 12-9:00pm at the Kempton Community Center. Meet Betsy Ross and Ben Franklin, learn local history, ride the WK&S Train, listen to the Brandywine Colonials Fife and Drum Corps, view the colonial militia encampment, see student exhibits, see the Liberty Bell replica, enter a special basket raffle, and enjoy an evening hoedown. Food and beverages for sale. FREE admission. Sponsored by area businesses and the historical societies from Albany Township, Lynn-Heidelberg Townships, and Weisenberg-Lowhill Townships.



LOWHILL FOOD PANTRY: FEBRUARY STATISTICS

- 77 family units were served (104 adults, 96 children, and 58 seniors) for a total of 258 individual clients.
- 91 children served through the Weekend Children's program.
- Ziegel's donated 294 lbs. of food in February along with items for the Blessings Shop.

Food/items suggested: canned pasta; pancake mix; pancake syrup; crackers; cookies; granola bars; chips; pretzels; popcorn; any snack item.

Current needs for the Blessings Shop: socks(new); towels of any kind.

April Servings: Saturday, April 4th; Wednesday, April 15th; Thursday, April 16th.

Volunteer opportunities: If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the Volunteer Form on our website, lowhillfoodpantry.com and email it to Gale Breiningar at lowhillfoodpantry@gmail.com.

Monetary Donations: Send monetary donations to: Lowhill Food Pantry, 4695 Lowhill Church Rd, PO Box 115, New Tripoli, PA 18066.

From Lowhill Food Pantry, thank you SO much for your continued support. We appreciate your partnership with us in this community project.

Lowhill Food Pantry April Sponsor:
Eleanor Reynord,
in memory of husband, Charles.

2026 SPONSORS NEEDED!

It's a wonderful way to remember or honor a loved one and a means to financially support the missions of our congregations.

Altar Flowers and Piano Vases-

- Lutheran - Contact Deanna Quay at 610-597-9137 or momchemist@hotmail.com.
- UCC - Contact Laura Loch at 610-285-6157.

Bulletins - \$20 per week

- Lutheran - Contact Sandy Rothermel at 484-824-3237 or Sandyravon@aol.com.
- UCC - Contact Laura Loch at 610-285-6157.

Monthly Newsletter - \$40 per month; contact church office

Website - \$30 per month; contact church office

Food Pantry Sponsor - \$70 per month or \$35 for ½ month

- Contact the church office at 610-285-6157 or by email at lutheranziegels@gmail.com.

April Head Ushers

Lutheran - Deanna Quay

UCC - Rocky Redline

2026 Ziegels Church Leadership

2026 Lutheran Council

Keith Harwick, President
Ken Highley, Vice President
Bonnie Millward, Secretary
Dave Grillo
Michael Longenderfer
David Purugganan, Jr.
Deanna Quay
Winona Schappell
Kelly Lucarelli, Treasurer

2026 UCC Consistory

Kim Anderson, President
Rob Ziegler, Vice President
Kaitlyn Sterner, Secretary
Rocky Redline, Asst. Treasurer
Arlene Inman
Shana Hanna
Laurie Rex
Barbara Ziegler
Joyce Weishaupt, Treasurer

2026 Union Committee Officers

Robert Ziegler, President
Michael Longenderfer, Vice President
Kevin Miller, Treasurer

OUR STAFF & LEADERS

Rev. Andy Meckstroth, Lutheran Pastor	484-523-3039
Rev. Larry Pickens, Designated UCC Pastor	847-687-5897
Karly Rex, Sexton	484-561-8287
Laurie Rex, Sunday School President	610-349-9124
Robert Ziegler, Union Church Pres.	610-683-5667
Keith Harwick, Lutheran Council Pres.	610-756-4308
Kim Anderson, UCC Consistory Pres.	484-951-2198
Nicole Wischner, Lutheran Secretary	610-285-6157
Laura Loch, UCC Secretary	610-285-6157

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Christian Education email: ziegelsce@gmail.com

Fellowship Committee email: ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com

Ziegels Union Church Website: www.ziegelschurch.org



Find us on Facebook:

@Ziegels Union Church

@Ziegels Christian Education

Online Giving and Offerings

God's work happens every day. Both Congregations are using online options to give offerings. Please use the QR codes below to give to the missions of each congregation.



Lutheran Code



UCC Code

Prayer of Gratitude

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of Easter, reminding us of Your boundless love and grace.

In Jesus' Name,
Amen.